

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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<i>In re</i> application	Bloom, <i>et al.</i>	§		
of:		§	Examiner:	Jana A. Hines
Appl. Ser. No.	10/762,492	§	Art Unit:	1645
Filed:	January 23, 2004	§	Atty. Dkt. No:	IVGN 347
Title:	<b>RAPID GROWING MICROORGANISMS FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS</b>	§	Confirmation	4921
		§	No.:	
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2009**

**Mail Stop: Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2008 in the above-captioned matter, Applicant submits the following amendment and response in accordance with 37 CFR §1.111, in which:

***Changes to the Claims*** begin on page 2 of this paper; and

***Remarks*** begin on page 6 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for the net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit account No. 50-3994.